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Reported by Mr. HAWLEY with amendments, viz: Omit the parts struck through and insert the parts printed in *italics*.

AN ACT

To provide for celebrating the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus by holding an international exhibition of arts, industries, manufactures, and the product of the soil, mine, and sea in the city of Chicago, in the State of Illinois.

Whereas, It is fit and appropriate that the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of America be commemorated by an exhibition of the resources of the United States of America, their development, and of the progress of civilization in the New World; and

Whereas, Such an exhibition should be of a national and international character, so that not only the people of our Union and this continent, but those of all nations as well, can participate, and should therefore have the sanction of the Congress of the United States: Therefore,

- 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representu-*
- 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
- 3 That an exhibition of arts, industries, manufactures, and prod-

4 ucts of the soil, mine, and sea shall be inaugurated in the
5 year eighteen hundred and ninety-two, in the city of Chicago,
6 in the State of Illinois, as hereinafter provided.

1 SEC. 2. That a commission, to consist of two commis-
2 sioners from each State and Territory of the United States
3 and from the District of Columbia and eight commissioners
4 at large, is hereby constituted to be designated as the World's
5 Columbian Commission.

1 SEC 3. That said commissioners, two from each State
2 and Territory, shall be appointed within thirty days from the
3 passage of this act by the President of the United States, on
4 the nomination of the governors of the States and Territories,
5 respectively, and by the President eight commissioners at
6 large and two from the District of Columbia; and in the same
7 manner and within the same time there shall be appointed two
8 alternate commissioners from each State and Territory of the
9 United States and the District of Columbia and eight alternate
10 commissioners at large, who shall assume and perform the
11 duties of such commissioner or commissioners as may be un-
12 able to attend the meetings of the said commission; and in
13 such nominations and appointments each of the two leading
14 political parties shall be equally represented. Vacancies in
15 the commission nominated by the governors of the several
16 States and Territories, respectively, and also vacancies in the
17 commission at large and from the District of Columbia may be

18 filled in the same manner and under the same conditions as
19 provided herein for their original appointment.

1 SEC. 4. That the Secretary of State of the United States
2 shall, immediately after the passage of this act, notify the
3 governors of the several States and Territories, respectively,
4 thereof and request such nominations to be made. The com-
5 missioners so appointed shall be called together by the Secre-
6 tary of State of the United States in the city of Chicago, by
7 notice to the commissioners, as soon as convenient after the
8 appointment of said commissioners, and within thirty days
9 thereafter. The said commissioners, at said first meeting,
10 shall organize by the election of such officers and the appoint-
11 ment of such committees as they may deem expedient, and
12 for this purpose the commissioners present at said meeting
13 shall constitute a quorum.

1 SEC. 5 That said commission be empowered in its dis-
2 cretion to accept for the purposes of the World's Columbian
3 Exposition such site as may be selected and offered and such
4 plans and specifications of buildings to be erected for such
5 purpose at the expense of and tendered by the corporation
6 organized under the laws of the State of Illinois, known as
7 "The World's Exposition of Eighteen hundred and ninety-
8 two:" *Provided*, That said site so tendered and the build-
9 ings proposed to be erected thereon shall be deemed by said
10 commission adequate to the purposes of said exposition: *And*

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11 *provided*, That said commission shall be satisfied that the said
 12 corporation has an actual bona fide and valid subscription to
 13 its capital stock *which will secure the payment of at*
 14 *least five millions of dollars, of which not less than five hun-*
 15 *dred thousand dollars shall have been paid in, and that the*
 16 *further sum of five million dollars, making in all ten million*
 17 *dollars, will be provided by said corporation in ample time*
 18 *for its needful use during the prosecution of the work for the*
 19 *complete preparation for said exposition.*

1 SEC. 6. That the said commission shall allot space for
 2 exhibitors, prepare a classification of exhibits, determine the
 3 plan and scope of the exposition, and shall appoint all judges
 4 and examiners for the exposition, award all premiums, if any,
 5 and generally have charge of all intercourse with the exhib-
 6 itors and the representatives of foreign nations. And said
 7 commission is authorized and required to appoint a board of
 8 lady managers of such number, and to perform such duties as
 9 may be prescribed by said commission. Said board may ap-
 10 point one or more members of all committees authorized to
 11 award prizes for exhibits, which may be produced in whole
 12 or in part by female labor.

1 SEC. 7. That after the plans for said exposition shall be
 2 prepared by said corporation and approved by said commis-
 3 sion, the rules and regulations of said corporation governing
 4 rates for entrance and admission fees, or otherwise affecting

5 the rights, privileges, or interests of the exhibitors or of the
6 public, shall be fixed or established by said corporation, sub-
7 ject, however, to such modification, if any, as may be imposed
8 by a majority of said commissioners.

1 *SEC. 8. That the President is hereby empowered and*
2 *directed to hold a naval review in New York Harbor, in*
3 *April, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, and to extend to*
4 *foreign nations an invitation to send ships of war to join the*
5 *United States Navy in rendezvous at Hampton Roads and*
6 *proceed thence to said review. The President is further*
7 *empowered and directed to make arrangements for the unveil-*
8 *ing of a statue of Christopher Columbus at Washington,*
9 *with appropriate ceremonies and civic and military parade,*
10 *under his general direction after said naval review, and not*
11 *less than five days before the opening of said Exposition, and*
12 *to invite the attendance thereof of foreign representatives.*

1 *SEC. 8 9. That said commission shall provide for the dedi-*
2 *cation of the buildings of the World's Columbian Exposi-*
3 *tion in said city of Chicago on the twelfth day of October*
4 *eighteen hundred and ninety-two, with appropriate ceremo-*
5 *nies, and said exposition shall be open to visitors not later*
6 *than the first day of May eighteen hundred and ninety-three,*
7 *and shall be closed at such time as the commission may de-*
8 *termine, but not later than the thirtieth day of October there-*
9 *after.*

1 SEC. 9 10. That whenever the President of the United
 2 States shall be notified by the commission that provision has
 3 been made for grounds and buildings for the uses herein
 4 provided for and there has also been filed with him by the
 5 said corporation, known as "The World's Exposition of
 6 eighteen hundred and ninety-two," satisfactory proof that a
 7 sum not less than ten million dollars, to be used and expended
 8 for the purposes of the exposition herein authorized, has in
 9 fact been raised or provided for by subscription or other legally
 10 binding means, he shall be authorized, through the Department
 11 of State, to make proclamation of the same, setting forth the
 12 time at which the exposition will open and close, and the
 13 place at which it will be held ; and he shall communicate to
 14 the diplomatic representatives of foreign nations copies of the
 15 same, together with such regulations as may be adopted by the
 16 commission, for publication in their respective countries, and
 17 he shall, in behalf of the Government and people, invite
 18 foreign nations to take part in the said exposition and appoint
 19 representatives thereto.

1 SEC. 10 11. That all articles which shall be imported from
 2 foreign countries for the sole purpose of exhibition at said ex-
 3 position, upon which there shall be a tariff or customs duty,
 4 shall be admitted free of payment of duty, customs fees, or
 5 charges under such regulations as the Secretary of the Treas-
 6 ury shall prescribe ; but it shall be lawful at any time during

7 the exhibition to sell for delivery at the close of the
 8 exposition any goods or property imported for and
 9 actually on exhibition in the exposition buildings or on
 10 its grounds, subject to such regulations for the security
 11 of the revenue and for the collection of the import duties
 12 as the Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe: *Pro-*
 13 *vided*, That all such articles, when sold or withdrawn for con-
 14 sumption in the United States shall be subject to the duty, if
 15 any, imposed upon such articles by the revenue laws in force,
 16 at the date of importation, and all penalties prescribed by law
 17 shall be applied and enforced against such articles, and against
 18 the persons who may be guilty of any illegal sale or with-
 19 drawal.

1 SEC. 12. That the sum of twenty thousand dollars, or
 2 as much thereof as may be necessary, be, and the same is
 3 hereby, appropriated, out of any moneys in the Treasury not
 4 otherwise appropriated, for the remainder of the present fiscal
 5 year and for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hun-
 6 dred and ninety-one, to be expended under the direction of the
 7 Secretary of the Treasury for purposes connected with the ad-
 8 mission of foreign goods to said exhibition.

1 SEC. 13. That it shall be the duty of the commission
 2 to make report, from time to time, to the President of the
 3 United States of the progress of the work, and, in a final re-
 4 port, present a full exhibit of the results of the exposition.

1 SEC. ~~13~~ 14. That the commission hereby authorized shall
2 exist no longer than until the first day of January, eighteen
3 hundred and ninety-eight.

1 SEC. ~~14~~ 15. That the United States shall not in any man-
2 ner, nor under any circumstances, be liable for any of the
3 acts, doings, proceedings, or representations of the said cor-
4 poration organized under the laws of the State of Illinois,
5 its officers, agents, servants, or employees, or any of them, or
6 for the service, salaries, labor, or wages of said officers,
7 agents, servants, or employees, or any of them, or for any
8 subscriptions to the capital stock, or for any certificates of
9 stock, bonds, mortgages, or obligations of any kind issued by
10 said corporation or for any debts, liabilities, or expenses of
11 any kind whatever attending such corporation or accruing by
12 reason of the same.

1 SEC. ~~15~~ 16. That there shall be exhibited at said exposi-
2 tion by the Government of the United States, from its Ex-
3 ecutive Departments, the Smithsonian Institution, the United
4 States Fish Commission, and the National Museum, such
5 articles and materials as illustrate the function and admin-
6 istrative faculty of the Government in time of peace and
7 its resources as a war power, tending to demonstrate the
8 nature of our institutions and their adaptation to the wants
9 of the people; and to secure a complete and harmonious
10 arrangement of such a Government exhibit, a board shall

11 be created to be charged with the selection, preparation, ar-
12 rangement, safe-keeping, and exhibition of such articles and
13 materials as the heads of the several Departments and the
14 directors of the Smithsonian Institution and National Mu-
15 seum may respectively decide shall be embraced in said Gov-
16 ernment exhibit. The President may also designate additional
17 articles for exhibition. Such board shall be composed of one
18 person to be named by the head of each Executive Depart-
19 ment, and one by the directors of the Smithsonian Institution
20 and National Museum, and one by the Fish Commission, such
21 selections to be approved by the President of the United
22 States. The President shall name the chairman of said board,
23 and the board itself shall select such other officers as it may
24 deem necessary.

25 That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized
26 and directed to place on exhibition, upon such grounds as shall
27 be allotted for the purpose, one of the life-saving stations au-
28 thorized to be constructed on the coast of the United States
29 by existing law, and to cause the same to be fully equipped
30 with all apparatus, furniture, and appliances now in use in all
31 life-saving stations in the United States, said building and ap-
32 paratus to be removed at the close of the exhibition and re-
33 erected at the place now authorized by law.

1 SEC. 46 17. That the Secretary of the Treasury shall

2 cause a suitable building or buildings to be erected on the site
3 selected for the World's Columbian Exposition for the Govern-
4 ment exhibits, as provided in this act, and he is hereby au-
5 thorized and directed to contract therefor, in the same man-
6 ner and under the same regulations as for other public build-
7 ings of the United States; but the contracts for said build-
8 ing or buildings shall not exceed the sum of four hundred-
9 thousand dollars, and for the remainder of the fiscal year and
10 for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred
11 and ninety one, there is hereby appropriated for said building
12 or buildings, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise
13 appropriated, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars. The
14 Secretary of the Treasury shall cause the said building or
15 buildings to be constructed as far as possible, of iron, steel, and,
16 glass, or of such other material as may be taken out and sold
17 to the best advantage; and he is authorized and required to
18 dispose of such building or buildings, or the material composing
19 the same, at the close of the exposition, giving preference to
20 the city of Chicago, or to the said World's Exposition of
21 1892 to purchase the same at an appraised value to be ascer-
22 tained in such manner as he may determine.

1 SEC. 47 18. That for the purpose of paying the expenses
2 of transportation, care, and custody of exhibits by the Govern-
3 ment and the maintenance of the building or buildings here-
4 inbefore provided for, and the safe return of articles belonging

5 to the said Government exhibit, and for the expenses of the
6 commission created by this act, and other contingent expenses,
7 to be approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, upon itemized
8 accounts and vouchers, there is hereby appropriated for the
9 remainder of this fiscal year and for the fiscal year ending
10 June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, out of any
11 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum
12 of two hundred thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may
13 be necessary: *Provided*, That the United States shall not be
14 liable, on account of the erection of buildings, expenses of the
15 commission or any of its officers or employees, or on account
16 of any expenses incident to or growing out of said exposition
17 for a sum exceeding in the aggregate one million five hun-
18 dred thousand dollars.

1 . SEC. 48 19. That the commissioners and alternate com-
2 missioners appointed under this act shall not be entitled to any
3 compensation for their services out of the Treasury of the
4 United States, except their actual expenses for transportation
5 and the sum of six dollars per day for subsistence for each
6 day they are necessarily absent from their homes on the busi-
7 ness of said commission. The officers of said commission
8 shall receive such compensation as may be fixed by said com-
9 mission, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Treas-
10 ury, which shall be paid out of the sums appropriated by Con-
11 gress in aid of such exposition.

1 SEC. 49 20. That nothing in this act shall be so construed
 2 as to create any liability of the United States, direct or indirect,
 3 for any debt or obligation incurred, nor for any claim for aid
 4 or pecuniary assistance from Congress or the Treasury of the
 5 United States in support or liquidation of any debts or obli-
 6 gations created by said commission in excess of appropria-
 7 tions made by Congress therefor.

1 SEC. 20 21. That nothing in this act shall be so construed
 2 as to override or interfere with the laws of any State, and all
 3 contracts made in any State for the purposes of the exhibition
 4 shall be subject to the laws thereof.

1 SEC. 24 22. That no member of said commission, whether
 2 an officer or otherwise, shall be personally liable for any debt
 3 or obligation which may be created or incurred by the said
 4 commission.

Passed the House of Representatives March 25, 1890.

Attest:

EDWD. McPHERSON,

Clerk.

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